

Table B: Model Fit of Beta MLE vs. Alternatives

Model	N	Beta	OLS	OLS _{lt}	Beta _{alt}
Symmetrical	500	.0141	.0142	.0142	.0141
	100	.0140	.0141	.0141	.0140
	30	.0140	.0139	.0139	.0139
Asymmetrical	500	.0110	.0113	.0112	.0110
	100	.0101	.0104	.0103	.0101
	30	.0110	.0112	.0112	.0110
One-sided	500	.0196	.0199	.0234	.0196
	100	.0202	.0205	.0243	.0202
	30	.0189	.0191	.0230	.0190
Bimodal	500	.1034	.1035	.1226	.1035
	100	.0990	.0991	.1203	.0990
	30	.1016	.1007	.1198	.1019

Values are the mean squared prediction error. OLS models are all homoskedastic. The “lt” subscript signifies that the proportion was transformed using a logit transformation, and β_{alt} refers to the alternate approach to BMLE, as described in equations 11-15.

Table C: OLS vs. Beta Estimation — Keiser and Soss

Variable	Percent Good Cause Exemptions	
	BMLE	\mathcal{D}
Expected Value		
Constant	1.96 (1.49)	
Bureaucratic Resources	.039 (1.09)	.034
Bureaucratic Values	-.129** (-2.03)	-.069
Number of Applications	-.071** (-5.26)	-.101
Demand	-.273 (-1.23)	-.052
Economic Capacity	1.19** (2.24)	.091
Democratic Government	.343** (1.94)	.066
1991	.137 (0.83)	.025
1992	.147 (0.88)	.028
Dispersion		
Constant	-0.720 (-1.00)	
Bureaucratic Values	0.253** (2.19)	
Number of Applications	0.175** (4.90)	
Democratic Government	.348** (1.41)	
N	140	
Mean Squared Error	.028	

T-statistics in parentheses. First differences calculated for each variable one standard deviation above and below its mean value while holding all other variables at their means.

** $p < .05$ (one-tailed test).

Table D: Model Fit of OLS with Log Transformation

Model	N	MSE	\mathcal{D}	Efficiency	Overconfidence
Symmetrical	500	.0161	.296	117.0	107.5
	100	.0154	.304	144.1	111.6
	30	.0152	.258	107.8	108.9
Asymmetrical	500	.0124	.249	185.3	119.2
	100	.0112	.243	109.8	104.5
	30	.0123	.277	137.2	111.3
One-sided	500	.0207	.166	316.3	127.5
	100	.0214	.170	209.1	120.3
	30	.0200	.169	149.3	117.3
Bimodal	500	.1370	.254	161.1	92.8
	100	.1305	.269	122.9	94.1
	30	.1371	.237	109.4	94.2

Monte Carlo results generated using a homoskedastic OLS model with a log transformation and corresponding to the statistics in Tables 1-3.